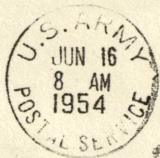


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Miss Ola Thiel
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VIA AIR MAIL

Jun 16, 1954

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I will write you when I get order to leave this place also when I get home so don't worry about it. O.K.?

Well I can't think of much more to say so I will close till I hear later.

Love



P.S. I will write some more later.

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